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To: Billington, Tracie
Cc: Gebert, Paul
Subject: additional comments on Step 2 PSP
Ms. Billington:

After further discussion with my colleagues in the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) about the Draft Step 2 PSP, they requested that I submit some additional concerns. I hope you will consider our additional comments even though it is past the due date for comments.

We attempted to schedule training with DWR and SWRCB for assistance with the financial analysis only to find that the training will be offered as a regional training class after the Step 2 invitations are issued. Our RWMG consists of three large agencies, the San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego and County of San Diego, working together on a consensus basis. Our RWMG serves three million people and is most likely the largest regional group submitting a proposal. Additionally, our proposal consists of 23 projects, some of which are several related projects combined. A proposal such as this needs to start now to develop the financial analysis required by Step 2. We ask that you consider holding workshops as soon as possible to enable large and small proposals the time to develop quality applications. We feel we need more direction than is provided in Step 2 PSP.

An additional comment concerns Power Cost Savings and Production on page 51. The connection of power and water is critical, yet there is no guidance in the PSP on how to determine the value of power saved in relation to better water management. We would appreciate directions on exactly what is needed to fulfill this requirement.

Thank you for any help you can give us on these matters. I will be out of the office on vacation until September 12th, but my colleague, Paul Gebert will be available. See address in cc line.

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